I	TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:
2	The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred Senate Bill No. 54
3	entitled "An act relating to the regulation of cannabis" respectfully reports that
4	it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended as
5	follows:
6	First: In Sec. 2 (7 V.S.A. chapter 31), in § 841, by striking out subdivision
7	(c)(1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
8	(1) The Board shall consist of three members who shall be appointed as
9	<u>follows:</u>
10	(A) one member to serve as chair who shall be appointed by the
11	Governor and who shall have a background in business management or
12	regulatory compliance;
13	(B) one member who shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on
14	Committees and who shall have a background in agriculture, horticulture, or
15	plant science; and
16	(C) one member who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House
17	and who shall have a background in systemic social justice and equity issues.
18	Second: In Sec. 2 (7 V.S.A. chapter 31), in § 841(c), by striking out
19	subdivision (5) in its entirety.
20	Third: In Sec. 2 (7 V.S.A. chapter 31), in § 841(e), by striking out the
21	second sentence in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1	The Chair shall receive compensation equal to two-thirds that of a Superior
2	Court Judge and other members shall receive compensation equal to one-half
3	that of a Superior Court Judge.
4	Fourth: In Sec. 2 (7 V.S.A. chapter 31), in § 841(f), in the first sentence,
5	after "Executive Director" by inserting "who shall be an attorney with
6	experience in legislative or regulatory matters"
7	Fifth: In Sec. 3 (implementation of the Cannabis Control Board), by
8	striking out subdivision (c)(1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the
9	following:
10	(c)(1) In order to stagger the terms of the members of the Board, the initial
11	terms of those members shall be as follows:
12	(A) the Governor shall appoint the Chair for a three-year term;
13	(B) the Senate Committee on Committees shall appoint one member
14	for a two-year term; and
15	(D) the Speaker of the House shall appoint one member for a two-
16	<u>year term.</u>
17	Sixth: In Sec. 5 (Cannabis Control Board; fees; report), in subsection (a),
18	after the last sentence, by adding the following:
19	The fees submitted in accordance with this subsection (a) are projected, at a
20	minimum, to equal the cost of application and license fees for marijuana
21	establishments in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that are collected by

1	the Cannabis Control Commission. The Board may recommend fees that are
2	lower or higher provided they are designed to provide sufficient funding to
3	meet the duties of the Cannabis Control Board as provided in 7 V.S.A.
4	<u>§ 841(b).</u>
5	Seventh: In Sec. 5 (Cannabis Control Board; fees; report), in
6	subsection (b), by adding a new subdivision (4) to read as follows:
7	(4) Whether monies expected to be generated by fees identified in
8	subsection (a) of this section are sufficient to support the statutory duties of the
9	Board and whether any portion of the tax established pursuant to 32 V.S.A.
10	§ 7901 should be allocated to the Cannabis Regulation Fund to ensure these
11	duties are met.
12	Eighth: In Sec. 6 (Cannabis Control Board; positions), in subdivision (1), by
13	striking out "Five" and inserting in lieu thereof Three
14	Ninth: By adding four new sections to be Secs. 6b – d to read as follows:
15	Sec. 6b. APPROPRIATION
16	In fiscal year 2020, \$810,000.00 is appropriated from the Cannabis
17	Regulation Fund to the Cannabis Control Board. This appropriation is made in
18	anticipation of receipts in the fund.

1	Sec. 6c. CONTINGENT CANNABIS REGULATION FUND DEFICIT
2	OFFSET
3	To the extent that the Cannabis Regulation Fund has a negative balance at
4	the close of the fiscal year 2022, proceeds in that amount from the tax
5	established 32 V.S.A. § 7901 in fiscal year 2023 shall be deposited into the
6	Cannabis Regulation Fund.
7	Sec. 6d. AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS REPORT
8	On or before April 1, 2023, the Auditor of Accounts shall report to the
9	General Assembly regarding the organizational structure and membership of
10	the Cannabis Control Board and whether the structure continues to be the most
11	efficient for carrying out the statutory duties of the Board.
12	<u>Tenth</u> : In Sec. 22 (effective dates), in subdivision (b)(1), after " <u>6a (space</u>
13	allocation);" by adding 6b (appropriation); and by adding a new subsection (e)
14	to read as follows:
15	(e) Secs. 6c and 6d shall take effect on July 1, 2021.
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18	(Committee vote:)
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20	Senator
21	FOR THE COMMITTEE